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SUBJ: PARTICIPATION OF ABU DHABI AT SPOKANE 1974
INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

REF: STATE CIRCULAR AIRGRAMS 5774 OF 7/6/73 AND 2083
OF 2/29/72

1. IN OCTOBER 1973, ORGANIZERS OF SPOKANE EXPO '74
RECEIVED LETTER FROM DR. VOLKER MARTIN, INTERNATIONAL
EXHIBITION SERVICE, PARKHOTEL, GRAZ, AUSTRIA. IT
ENCLOSED COPIES OF LETTER TO MARTIN FROM ABDULLA DAWOOD
DATED SEPTEMBER 25, 1973 UNDER LETTERHEAD OF GOVERNMENT
OF ABU DHABI, MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND TOURISM.

2. DAWOOD STATED HIS MINISTRY WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR
COORDINATION OF UNITED ARAB EMIRATE (UAE) PARTICIPATION
IN EXHIBITIONS ABROAD. HE REPORTED A DECISION ON SPOKANE
EXPO '74 LIKELY BY END OF OCTOBER AND MIGHT BE AFFECTED
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BY FOREIGN TRAVEL OF UNDER-SECRETARY RASHID ABDULLAH

WHO ABROAD UNTIL EARLY NOVEMBER.

3. IN COVERING LETTER TO EXPO '74, MARTIN STATED HE VISITING MEXICO CITY MID NOVEMBER AND WOULD TRY VISIT EXPO SITE IN CONNECTION LIKELY ABU DHABI EXHIBIT.

4. EXPO ORGANIZERS HAVE NOT YET HEARD AGAIN FROM MARTIN, TO OBTAIN CURRENT READING OF SITUATION.

5. SPOKANE EXPO '74 IS ONLY INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION IN U.S. TO BE ORGANIZED DURING U.S. BICENTENNIAL. WILL RUN SIX MONTHS, MAY 3 - NOVEMBER 4, WITH NATIONAL EXHIBITS, NOT NATIONAL PAVILIONS, ON ENVIRONMENTAL THEME. IT IS OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED BY BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITIONS (BIE) IN PARIS AS SPECIAL CATEGORY EXPOSITION. U.S. COMMISSIONER GENERAL, APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT, IS J. WELLES HENDERSON, PROMINENT PHILADELPHIA LAWYER AND ENVIRONMENTALIST. HENDERSON NOW COMPLETING EUROPEAN TRIP WITH FIRM ASSURANCES THAT FRANCE, GERMANY, SPAIN AND POSSIBLY AUSTRIA, BELGIUM AND NETHERLANDS WILL PARTICIPATE. OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH WILL BE REPRESENTED INCLUDE IRAN, AUSTRALIA, JAPAN, U.S.S.R., HONG KONG (COMMERCIAL), S. KOREA, REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN), CANADA, MEXICO AND UNITED STATES (\$11.5 MILLION HOST COUNTRY PAVILLION). NO ARAB COUNTRY YET ON LIST AND ONLY INTERESTED AFRICAN COUNTRIES ARE IVORY COAST AND POSSIBLY KENYA.

6. FOREIGN EXHIBITORS PAY RENTAL FOR ALREADY CONSTRUCTED COVERED SPACE WHICH RUNS APPROXIMATELY \$35,000 FOR SIX MONTHS RENTAL OF BIE MINIMUM OF 4,000 SQUARE FEET OF SPACE.

7. PLEASE ADVISE.

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